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Secretary of Defense to Testify before Armed Services Committee on U.S. Policy Toward Iraq

The House Committee on Armed Services today announced details of its second in a series of open hearings on Iraq. The hearing, in which Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld will testify before the committee on the threats posed by Saddam Hussein and U.S. policy toward Iraq, will take place on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in 2118 Rayburn House Office Building.

The committee began its bipartisan assessment of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programs and noncompliance with United Nations resolutions with a hearing on September 10, in which former United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) team members testified on the history of Iraq's WMD and missile programs, and U.N. inspection efforts in Iraq. Also on September 10, a team of analysts from the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Intelligence Agency briefed the committee in classified session on Iraq's current military and WMD capabilities.

This ongoing series of hearings is intended to provide a forum in which the committee and the American people may learn about the various issues surrounding Iraq's continued violation of numerous United Nations resolutions, its illicit development of weapons of mass destruction (including nuclear weapons), and the threat that Saddam Hussein poses to the United States, the Middle East, and the international community. Future hearings will be announced on the committee website at: <http://www.house.gov/hasc>.

What: Second of a series of House Armed Services Committee hearings on U.S. policy toward Iraq

Witness: Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld

When: 10:00 a.m. on September 18, 2002

Where: 2118 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

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